

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 9 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Schellenberg, U.S. Patent No. 4,742,935.

The Examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Applicant's invention, as now amended, is directed to a blister pack for receiving and containing an article to be packaged. The blister pack includes a front part having a recessed portion, a back part having a relieved portion adapted for insertion into the recessed portion of the front part for closure of the pack and cooperating locating means on the front and back parts respectively to maintain the pack in a closed condition. The blister pack also comprises an abutment on the inner wall surface of the recessed portion of the front part and a cooperating abutment on the outer wall surface of the relieved portion of the back part. The inner and outer wall abutments are located thereon such that they become inter-engaged to close the pack only when the back part is contained wholly within the recessed portion of the front part. The abutment on the inner wall surface of the recessed portion of the front part extends inwards from the wall surface to extend the abutment of the relieved portion of the back part outward from the outer wall surface. Thus, the abutment of the back part comprises a continuous narrow flange protruding outwardly from the relieved portion and forming an outermost edge of the back part within the recessed portion of the front part when the pack is closed such that none of the back part extends outwardly of the abutment of the relieved portion of the front part of the pack with the pack is closed.

A significant aspect of the present invention as shown in Figure 2 of the drawings is that the narrow outer flange (30) of the back part (27) of the pack is contained and concealed behind the abutment (29) of the front part when the pack is closed. It is extremely difficult to

open the pack which thus gives the impression of being welded or in some way sealed in a closed condition. The recessed portion (24) of the pack is quite rigid and is not easily distorted to release the overlapping abutments (29, 30).

On the other hand, Schellenberg'935 is very easily opened since the portion which passes inside the pack is readily accessible around the edge of the pack by lifting or separating the flange (5) and recessed portion (4). If you look at Figures 3 and 4 of Schellenberg'935, there is a substantial and continuous flange (5) which extends well beyond the abutment(14) of the inner or back part of the pack, as opposed to the very narrow flange (30) in Figure 2 of the present application, from which there is no extension.

Thus, the invention is not anticipated by the Schellenberg'935 reference.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the amended claims and the claims dependent there from are in proper form. The Applicant respectfully contends that Schellenberg'935, does not anticipate the claimed invention under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Thus, claims 1-12 are considered to be patently distinguishable over the prior art of record.

The application is now considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early indication of same is earnestly solicited.

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend Figures 1 and 2 as shown on the attached sheets.